

that we do not have in the United States anywhere near what we use. We can roll back the price and not have any or we can find a way to work the price of the commodity into our economy so that we can use it. The problem as I see visiting with those truckers yesterday afternoon that they are independent workers alright, they did not control the cost and they do not control their income and their independent to just work like hell for nothing. Both ends of the equation are controlled by the government. If we through this resolution can get the government to speed up the income in of the truckers problem we will give them some relief. Now the problem is how fast can the relief come? We should pass this amendment and send it on its way with the resolution.

PRESIDENT: Next to speak is Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: A question of Senator Whitney.

PRESIDENT: Senator Whitney, do you yield to a question?

SENATOR PROUD: Senator Whitney your amendment asked the federal government to increase the freight rates a certain percentage or a certain dollar and cents amount or what?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, just to give them the incentive to increase the freight rates for trucking sufficient to take care of the truckers additional cost. Now, this would include not only the increase so far as the fuel is concerned but it would also take into account their other costs. Obviously you have to take care of more than just fuel costs. So I feel that my amendment is all inclusive and if you just took care of fuel cost the truckers still have a problem.

PRESIDENT: Senator Proud.

SENATOR PROUD: Your amendment does it just ask the government to take into consideration these various factors?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Well it would be too...

SENATOR PROUD: Where it says, as we a raise it.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, we would actually raise the freight rates.

SENATOR PROUD: You are an economist and I believe that you have a doctors degree in that field, so I don't take your judgment lightly. However, you maybe, and I say maybe, a better economist a than a politician. You have served down here as long as I have so perhaps you are as good a politician or better than I am. The only thing that disturbs me a little bit and I think that the rest of the politicians in the body is that when you have a resolution that tries to tell somebody to raise the cost of living. This is what everybody is talking and complaining about. It seems to me that the federal government because of its vast financial resources is in a much better position than this legislature or any other legislature to make a logical determination of this matter and the federal government has the power to do it which we don't have that power so it almost seems to me that it is more logical to just simply pass the resolution urging the federal government to get cracking on this problem and solve it and a...a...rather than to tie them down, or attempt to tie them down to a particular formula. Now how does that grab you?